including transfer from one river basin to another based on National Perspective Plan after taking into account requirements of the areas/ basins".

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Water Resources and Central Water Commission formulated in 1980 a National Perspective Plan for Water Resources Development envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit ones with a view to minimizing the regional imbalances and optimally utilize the available water resources for conservation purposes like drinking, irrigation etc. National Perspective Plan comprises two components viz. (i) Himalayan rivers development and (ii) Peninsular rivers development. National Water Development Agency was set up in 1982 as a registered Society under MOWR to carry out detailed studies for National Perspective Plan. Based on various studies conducted, National Water Development Agency has identified 30 links for preparing Feasibility Reports. National Water Development Agency has completed feasibility reports for 14 links under Peninsular Development Component and two links under Himalayan Rivers Development Component.

Assessment of ground water resources

2344. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the National Water Resources Policy 2002, the ground water resources of the entire country has been assessed;

(b) if so, the result thereof;

(c) whether Government plan to use the updated information for ensuring conservation and sustainability in the use of ground water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The ground water resources were last assesed in 1995. Based on the recommendations of the Groundwater Estimation Committee (GEC) 1997, the resources have been reassessed. The

total replenishable Annual Ground Water Resources of the country is assessed as 433 Billion Cubic Metres (BCM) and the Net Annual Ground Water Availability is assessed as 399 BCM. Existing Gross Ground Water Draft as on March, 2004 for all uses is 231 BCM per year. The Stage of Ground Water Development is 58%.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Currently available information is always used for regulatory intervention, making choices of conservation schemes like artificial recharge, rain water harvesting, etc., to study and promote conjunctive use etc., to ensure sustainability in the use of ground water.

Loan from Japan for irrigation

2345. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Japan has provided loan assistance to various States/UTs for improving the present irrigation system of farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of disbursement of loan assistance provided to States so far alongwith the names of schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Japan through its funding agency the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) is providing loan assistance to various States/UTs for improving the present irrigation system in the country. The statement showing details of Schemes alongwith disbursement made upto 30.6.2005 is at statement.